

Asheville-Buncombe
**HOMELESS
INITIATIVE**

Breakout Sessions

Session A

- ? Successes & Challenges in Our Community's Efforts to End Homelessness: And how you can help! *The 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, endorsed by City Council & Buncombe County, is in its fifth year of implementation. What types of partnerships, programs, & projects have emerged?*
- ? Raleigh/Wake Support Circle Program: A Closer Look *Taking the morning's presentation a step further through discussion & dialogue. What are the tools & techniques Raleigh/Wake used, and how can we develop those in our own community?*
- ? Staying Healthy While Helping Others: What to do when your heart is big & your resources are limited *Often, leaders in faith communities offer support, counseling, & care for people who need it. Sometimes the needs are too great to handle alone. As helpers, what can faith leaders do to keep themselves healthy?*
- ? Homeless Children & Families in Schools: Effects and resources *National Alliance to End Homelessness research estimates that about 5 to 7% of youth experience homelessness each year. Schools often play a key role in the lives of children & families experiencing homelessness. What are the greatest challenges for this group, and what is being done locally to support them?*
- ? Local Initiatives: Grassroots efforts by community members like you *Throughout Asheville and Buncombe County hundreds of creative people are mobilizing to address homelessness. Hear about some of the exciting initiatives that are emerging, and bring your own projects and ideas to share!*

Session B

- ? Partnerships Between Government & Faith Groups: What types of funding are available? *In today's world, projects that succeed are those that weave together a network of support & investment from all sectors of society. How can faith groups partner with government programs, and what types of funding are available to support homeless projects?*
- ? Housing is the Solution: Using Housing First techniques to end homelessness *The only thing that everyone experiencing homelessness has in common is that they do not have a safe, affordable, stable place to sleep. The Asheville-Buncombe Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee states that housing is a right. What types of programs and interventions will help people quickly & permanently emerge from homelessness?*
- ? Experiencing Homelessness: Why does it happen, who does it happen to, and what is it like? *People come from all walks of life before they experience homelessness. Understanding their diversity & the impacts of homelessness can help create a dynamic, effective community response.*
- ? Support Services: Mental Health, Substance Abuse, & Health Care *A key to maintaining stable housing is access to community supports. The faith community can offer great social & spiritual support. But what's available for people who need specialized support due to mental illness or substance abuse?*
- ? Volunteering: Meaningful ways to share your time, treasures, & talents *So many options, so little time! Over 40 agencies create a network of support for people in housing crisis. What is the best way for faith groups to offer their time & talents to those agencies & the people they serve, in order to help end homelessness?*

